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Elimination of the contract with Agriculture/ERS would deny the NIS the support of the old-line Government department with primary responsibility for following food and agriculture developments, world-wide. This represents one of the most important single element for analyzing and understanding the well-being, economic conditions, and development prospects of the great majority of developing countries; it is therefore a high priority topic in the NIS Program -- both for the General Survey (for which OER and OCI take their information in largest part from previous Agriculture NIS publications) and for the more detailed sections produced directly by ERS. Loss of this contract could not be made up for by present OER and OCI staffs - which no longer maintain competence on these subjects for non-Communist countries.

Quality:

ERS' contributions uniformly reflect a complete search of the data available at the time of writing and include full and accurate descriptions of the production and distribution of all principal food and agricultural products, with related prospects and problems.

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